



9TH GRADE EARTH AND SPACE SCIENCE (ESS)

CLASS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Ms. Crawford – Soar to Success in Science

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COURSE OVERVIEW

Welcome to 9th Grade Earth Science! This class will explore Earth's systems. Students will engage in hands-on labs, critical thinking activities, and collaborative projects to build a deeper understanding of the world around us.



WHAT WE WILL LEARN (ESSENTIAL STATE STANDARDS):

- **ESS.0 – Basic Science:** Describe and investigate the scientific method to find answers to a question.
- **ESS.1 – Astronomy:** Identify the forces that formed our universe that are still at work today.
- **ESS.2 – Geology:** Explain the history and structure of Earth and the function of Earth's processes.
- **ESS.3 – Atmosphere:** Explain the interaction of solar energy with atmospheric gases to influence weather and climate patterns.
- **ESS.4 – Natural Resources:** Describe how the management and understanding of Earth's resources leads to a higher quality of life.



EAGLE EXPECTATIONS

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ENGAGE IN LEARNING

- Come prepared with materials, assignments, and a curious mind.
- Stay focused and participate in class discussions.



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ACT RESPECTFULLY

- Respect yourself, your classmates, your teacher, and classroom equipment.
- Listen when others are speaking.



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GIVE YOUR BEST EFFORT

- Always try, even when it's challenging.
- Turn in work on time and to the best of your ability.



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LEAD BY EXAMPLE

- Be a positive role model for your peers.
- Follow directions the first time they're given.



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ENCOURAGE A SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

- Use kind words and actions.
- Handle lab equipment and materials responsibly.



GRADING POLICY

70% is based on assessments and 30% is based on coursework.

A 93–100	A- 90–92	B+ 87–89	B 83–86	B- 80–82
C+ 77–79	C 73–76	C- 70–72	D+ 67–69	D 63–66
D- 60–62	F 0–59			

Grades will be updated regularly in PowerSchool. Check it often to stay informed.



CLASS POLICIES & PROCEDURES



LATE WORK POLICY

Late work is accepted for a 30% deduction until midterm week. At midterm, first-half assignments lock and are no longer available.



QUIZZES & ASSESSMENTS

No retakes. You may complete a quiz fix to earn up to 50% of the points. All assessments are taken in the science classroom.



UNIT TEST

Given at the end of each unit (quarter). No retakes or fixes. Use study tools and your science binder to prepare.



END OF YEAR TEST

Covers all ESS standards. No retakes or fixes.



MAKE-UP WORK

If absent, check with Ms. Crawford or the class platform for missed work. Make-up labs must be arranged in advance.



TARDY POLICY

Be in your seat with materials when the final bell rings. Tardies follow the Dixie Middle School Handbook steps.



HALL PASS

Use SmartPass to check in/out. One student out at a time. Not allowed during the first or last 10 minutes of class. Misuse may result in loss of passes.



VIDEOS

Some videos may be PG-13 and contain scientific content (e.g., *Hidden Figures*, *Dante's Peak*). Email if you have a concern.

SUPPLIES NEEDED DAILY

- 2 Inch binder
- Pen or pencil



CLASSROOM POLICIES



- ✓ Be on time and ready to learn.
- ✓ **Food and drink** (except water) are not allowed in class.
- ✓ Phones/devices must be stored in lockers per district policy.
- ✓ **Safety** is a top priority, especially during labs.

COMMUNICATION



Best way to reach
Ms. Crawford:
heidi.crawford@washk12.org
Please allow 24-48 hours
for a response during
the school week.



PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT

Families are vital partners in student success. Parents/guardians are encouraged to monitor PowerSchool and email with questions or concerns.



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Please sign below to indicate that you have read and understood the expectations for Ms. Crawford's 9th Grade Earth Science class.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

